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**Independent Auditor's Report On Compliance With State
Laws And Regulations**

Board of Commissioners
Whatcom County Public Utility District No. 1
Bellingham, Washington

We have audited the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents, of Whatcom County Public Utility District No. 1, Whatcom County, Washington, as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1995, and have issued our report thereon dated January 7, 1997.

We also performed tests of compliance with state laws and regulations as required by *Revised Code of Washington* (RCW) 43.09.260. This statute requires the State Auditor to inquire as to whether the district complied with the laws and the *Constitution of the State of Washington*, its own ordinances and orders, and the requirements of the State Auditor's Office.

Compliance with these requirements is the responsibility of the district's management. Our responsibility is to make a reasonable effort to identify any instances of misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance in office on the part of any public officer or employee and to report any such instance to the management of the district and to the Attorney General. However, the objective of our audit of the financial statements was not to provide an overall opinion on compliance with these requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests indicated that, with respect to the items tested, the district complied, in all material respects, with the applicable laws and regulations referred to in the preceding paragraphs. With respect to items not tested, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the district had not complied, in all material respects, with those provisions.

This report is intended for the information of management and the board of commissioners and to meet our statutory reporting obligations. This report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.

Brian Sonntag
State Auditor

January 7, 1997

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Status Of Prior Findings

The finding contained in the prior audit report was resolved as follows:

1. The District's Fixed Asset Control System Should Be Strengthened

Resolution: The district appears to have implemented our recommendations and/or presented alternative procedures to address our concerns with regard to the fixed asset control system.

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Independent Auditor's Report On Financial Statements And Additional Information

Board of Commissioners
Whatcom County Public Utility District No. 1
Bellingham, Washington

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Whatcom County Public Utility District No. 1, Whatcom County, Washington, as of and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1995 and 1994, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the district's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Whatcom County Public Utility District No. 1 at December 31, 1995 and 1994, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the fiscal years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of State Financial Assistance is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Brian Sonntag
State Auditor

January 7, 1997